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In the Application of)

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for AN APPARATUS FOR VISUALLY)
CHECKING THE OPERATIONAL STATUS)
OF A STOP VALVE, AND A MANUAL)
OPENING APPARATUS FOR A)
NORMALLY-CLOSED VALVE)

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicant wishes to bring to Examiner's attention the following listed references, which were cited against a corresponding foreign application.

<u>Foreign Patent No</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dated</u>
WO 98 54495	PCT	12/03/1998
EP 0 882 921 A2	EP	12/09/1998
JP 11 051239 A	JP	02/26/1999
EP 0 962 686 A2	EP	12/08/1999

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The references are listed in the attached form PTO/SB/08A.

It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A with initials or other appropriate marks.

The relevant material identified by the foreign patent office in reference EP 0 962 686 A2 is the Abstract, Figs. 1 and 2 and Col. 2, lines 3-4.

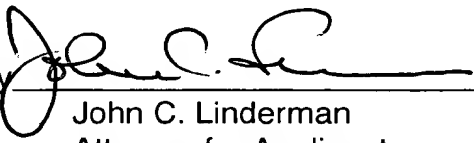
The relevant material identified in reference EP 0 882 921 A2 was the Abstract and Figs. 2 and 5.

The relevant material in reference WO 98/54495 was identified as Fig. 1.

The Patent Abstract from Japan was simply cited as relevant to the technological background of the disclosure and the Abstract paragraph, in particular, was identified.

Applicant believes that no charges are necessary in connection with this Second Information Disclosure Statement. However, if Applicant is in error in this respect, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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